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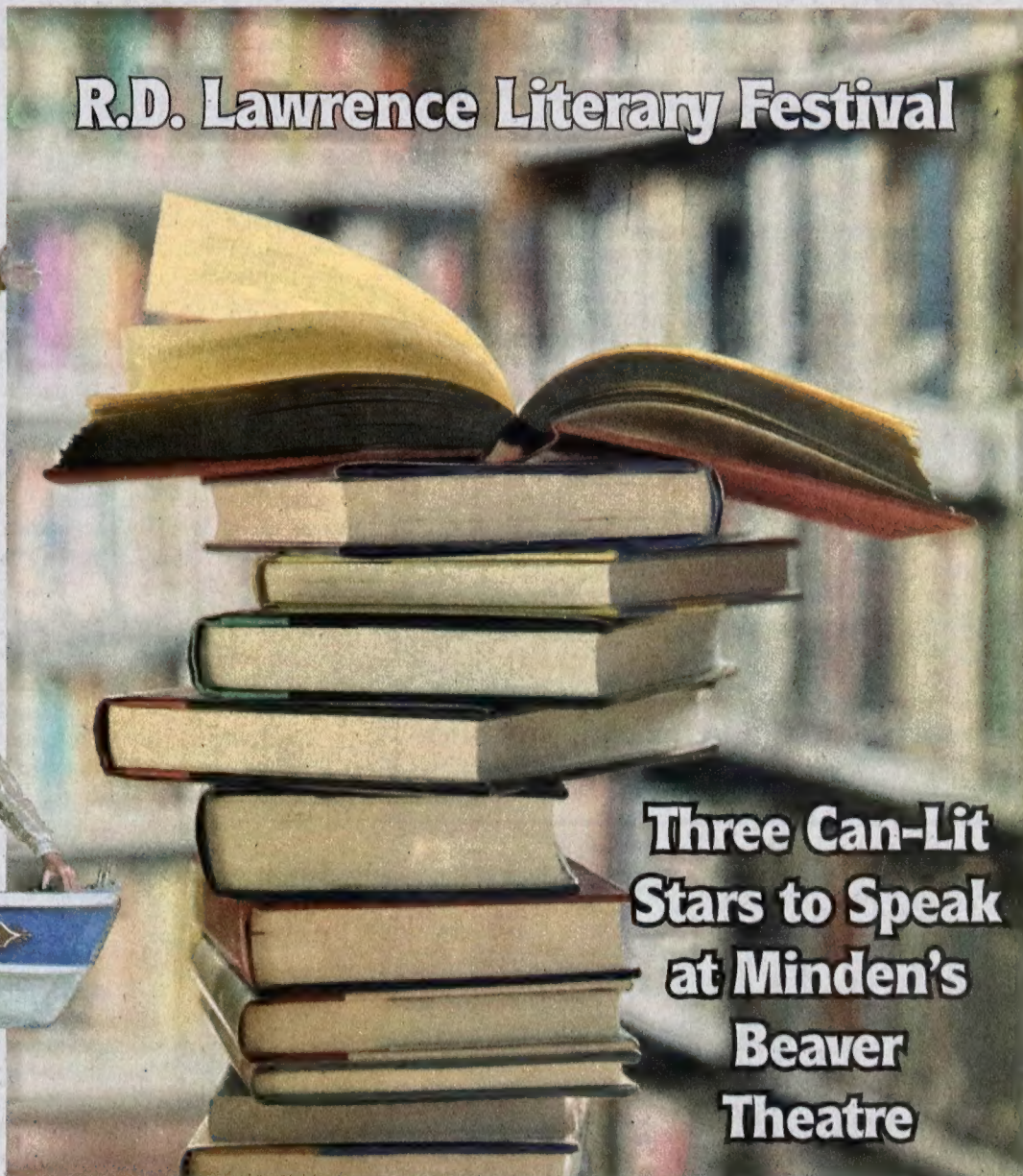


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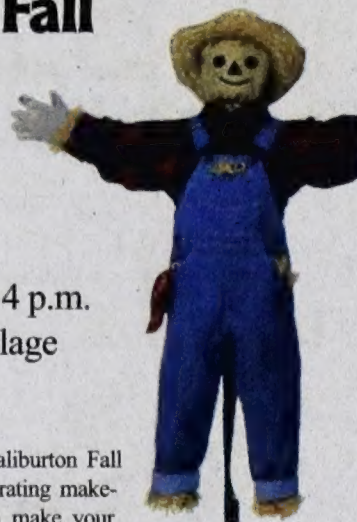
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## Haliburton Fall Festival BIA Scarecrow Contest

Friday September 25 – 4 p.m.  
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Fall has arrived and so has the Haliburton Fall Festival. Get ready for the town decorating make-over and to kick things off, you can make your own scarecrow or come as one and enter the BIA/Canoe FM Scarecrow Contest. Judging by will take place at 4 PM on Friday September 25th at the Village Barn. Adult winners will receive \$100 in BIA gift certificates for 1st place and \$60 for 2nd including both made up and live scarecrow entries. Kids will receive \$50 in V&S gift certificates for 1st place and \$30 for 2nd. You can pick up your scarecrow registration forms at Canoe Radio Station, Haliburton Foodland, Haliburton County Echo Office or at V&S. If you would like more information or you would like to download a registration form go to the Canoe FM website: [www.canoe.fm](http://www.canoe.fm) or call 705-457-9603.

## The Fun Continues...

**Sept 25 – 4pm**

There will be a "Scarecrow" contest at the Village Barn square. There will be categories for : kids, adults and live, with prizes of BIA certificates \$100 and \$60 for adults and V & S certificates \$50 and \$30 for kids.

V & S will provide winner ribbons and, as well, participant ribbons for all kids. The 'Scarecrows' will then be made available to be part of the decorations.

**Oct 3 – Various Activities**

"Guess The Pumpkin and Watermelon Weight" (total together).

There will be a procession with a donkey and cart bringing them to the square.

Entertainment has been hired for main street: - "Jam Sandwich" a rock band for kids and adults – performing 11am – 3pm; - Buskers and Clowns will be roaming the street to amaze the kids; - Face Painting for the kids – provided by "Point in Time"; - Picture taking against a 'fall' background - "Corn Roast" at the square – provided by "The Bridge" youth centre

Pancake Breakfast (8 – 11) – at Haliburton United Church

**At Head Lake Park 11am – 3pm**

Vintage Car Display – 80 – 100 cars from all over Ontario will be on display; with "Wild Willy" DJ providing appropriate period music; the "Snack Wagon" will be there dispensing refreshments



# R.D. Lawrence Literary Festival

By Sheryl Loucks

## Three Can-Lit stars to speak at Minden's Beaver Theatre

Wayson Choy, Priscila Uppal and Guillermo Verdecchia will read from their bestsellers at the R.D. Lawrence Literary Festival on September 26 in the Beaver Theatre.

Sheryl Loucks, festival and R.D. Lawrence Place Coordinator, says the festival showcases the talents of an author, poet and playwright who have all achieved national and international honours. The ability of the festival to lasso such incredible talent and reel them into small town Minden is due to Wendy Campbell, a long time insider in the Canadian literati scene. Campbell is an old friend of Fionnuala Martin. When Martin decided to buy and renovate the mothballed Beaver Theatre, it was agreed Campbell would assist her in organizing a literary festival as the first banner event in the theatre.

"It was serendipity that the Friends of R.D. Lawrence Place, who founded this new museum and inter-active learning centre last year, had always imagined there being an R.D. Lawrence Literary Festival. But here at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, where the Place was built by Fleming College Sustainable Building students, we don't have a venue capable of seating a festival sized audience indoors. And so we formed a private public partnership with the theatre and were successful in receiving Canada Council for the Arts funding," says Loucks.

She explains Campbell did the background work and now local volunteers are coordinating the festival. It will kick off at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre at 11 am on the Saturday morning with an awards presentation for the Writing Our Story contest – a celebration of Minden's Sesquicentennial. The deadline for entries is September 22 for both adults and youth 12 years and younger. All of the contest details are available at [www.mindenculturalcentre.com](http://www.mindenculturalcentre.com).

The festival then moves to the Beaver Theatre at 1pm where each author will give a reading, have a question and answer session and then after a book-signing break, there will be a panel discussion. All of the details about the festival are on the theatre's site at [www.beavertreatre.ca](http://www.beavertreatre.ca) and the Cultural Centre's website at [www.mindenculturalcentre.com](http://www.mindenculturalcentre.com) in the RDLP section.

Ticket proceeds will benefit R.D. Lawrence Place's programming. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Beaver 705-286-0222 or RDLP or by calling 705-286-2298.

### Background Information On Authors

#### WAYSON CHOY – NOT YET

Framed by Wayson Choy's two brushes with death, *Not Yet* is an intimate and insightful study of one man's reasons for living. In 2001, Wayson Choy suffered a combined asthma-heart attack. As he lay in his hospital bed, slipping in and out of consciousness, his days punctuated by the beeps of the machines that were keeping him alive, Choy heard the voices of his ancestors warning him that without a wife, he would one day die alone. And yet through his ordeal Choy was never alone; men and women, young and old, from all cultures and ethnicities, stayed by Choy's side until he was well. When his heart failed him a second time, four years later, it was the strength of his bonds with these people, forged through countless acts of kindness, that pulled Choy back to his life.

*Not Yet* is a passionate, sensitive, and beautiful exploration of the importance of family, which in Choy's case is constituted not through blood but through love. It is also a quiet manifesto for embracing life, not blind to our mortality, but knowing how lucky we are for each day that comes.

Wayson Choy's first novel, *The Jade Peony*, spent six months on *The Globe and Mail's* national bestseller list, shared the Trillium Book Award for best book in 1995, and won the 1996 City of Vancouver Book Award. *All That Matters*, a companion novel to *The Jade Peony*, won the Trillium Book Award in 2004 and

was shortlisted for the 2005 Giller Prize. In 1999, Choy's first memoir, *Paper Shadows*, was a finalist for the Governor General's Award, the Charles Taylor Prize, and the Drainie-Taylor Biography Prize. He won the Edna Staebler Award for Non-fiction in 2000.

#### PRISCILA UPPAL – TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Hardev Dange is suffering through a tumultuous year. He's just been informed that the bank is going to foreclose on his house. His fickle daughter Birendra is on the verge of marriage, his son Emile is studying curses (while falling in love with a fellow male grad student), and his younger daughter, Dorothy, who's deaf, is working at a tattoo and body piercing parlour and collecting stories from the older men languishing at her local hangout. And because he's confined to a wheelchair, Hardev is dependent on his homecare worker, the kleptomaniac Rodriguez, to help him devise a plan to keep house and home together.

In this modern, multicultural re-telling of *King Lear*, Uppal explores the vulnerability and complexity of family and inheritance. She exposes the tragic and comedic dimensions of our failures to communicate and the consequences of our betrayals, which result in disappointment and disillusionment, but also, unexpectedly, in moments of compassion and love.

"To be this young and assured a storyteller, this insightful an observer of human nature is, if not the product of divine intervention, at least very rare."

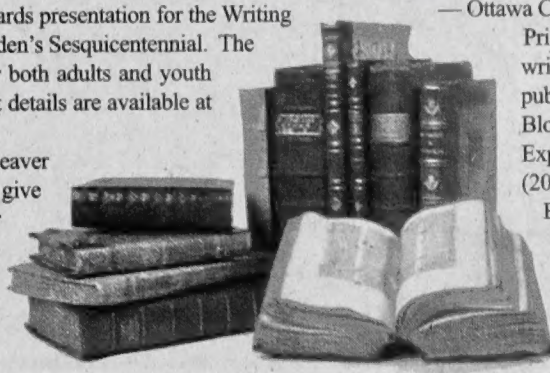
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Priscila Uppal is a Toronto poet, fiction and non-fiction writer, and academic born in Ottawa in 1974. Among her publications are five collections of poetry: *How to Draw Blood From a Stone* (1998), *Confessions of a Fertility Expert* (1999), *Pretending to Die* (2001), *Live Coverage* (2003) and *Ontological Necessities* (2006); all with Exile Editions; the critically-acclaimed novels *The Divine Economy of Salvation* (2002) and *To Whom It May Concern* (2009); both with Doubleday Canada; and the academic study, *We Are What We Mourn: The Contemporary English-Canadian Elegy* (2009) with McGill-Queen's University Press. Her work has been published internationally and has been translated into Croatian, Dutch, Greek, Korean, Latvian, and Italian.

*Ontological Necessities* was short-listed for the prestigious \$50,000 Griffin Prize for Excellence in Poetry. She has an MA (University of Toronto) and a PhD in English Literature (York University) and is a professor of English at York University in Toronto. Forthcoming in 2009, as editor, are the books *The Exile Book of Poetry in Translation: Twenty Canadian Poets Take On the World*, and *The Exile Book of Sports Stories*. Forthcoming in 2010 are a selected poetry collection, *Successful Tragedies*, from Bloodaxe Books (U.K.), and a new poetry collection, *Traumatology*, from Exile Editions. She is an active participant in several arts committees and organizations, and is on the Board of Directors at the Toronto Arts Council. For more information please visit [priscilauppal.ca](http://priscilauppal.ca)

#### GUILLERMO VERDECCHIA – SCREEN WRITER, PLAYWRIGHT, AUTHOR

Guillermo Verdecchia is a writer and a director. He is a recipient of the Governor General's Award for Drama, four Chalmers Canadian Play Award, Dora Mavor Moore and Jessie Richardson Awards, as well as sundry international film festival awards. His plays include *bloom*, *Fronteras Americanas*, *Another Country*, *A Line in the Sand* (with Marcus Youssef); *The Noam Chomsky Lectures and Insomnia* (with Daniel Brooks) and *The Adventures of Ali & Ali and the aXes of Evil* (with Marcus Youssef and Camyar chai). He is also the author of *Citizen Suarez*, a collection of short stories. His work appears in various anthologies and has been seen and heard on stages, screens, and radios around the world. He recently directed Sumi Kuruvilla's *Rice Boy* for the Stratford Shakespeare Festival.





# Spotlight on Business



## Shop N' Save

by George Farrell

### Shop N' Save Discount and Convenience Store Features New Country Style Coffee Counter

Kinmount is a small hamlet with not a great many shops on its short main street. So it's important for the community that at least one store sells a variety of products which might prevent locals from shopping elsewhere. Such a store is the Shop N' Save Discount and Convenience, owned and operated by Hafiz Makani, and his wife Shelina.

"One of our customers says that if I don't have it, you don't need it," Hafiz laughs. Looking around the 5000 square foot store it's easy to see that the customer is probably right. The multiple aisles are packed with every conceivable item that the majority of cottagers and residents are ever likely to consume or use. There are bank and lotto machines, electronics, toys, crafts, wool and sewing products, stationary supplies, gift items, summer and winter casual clothing, pet supplies, fishing tackle and bait, housewares, DVD's and rentals, candles and picture frames, fireworks, housewares, automotive lubricants, snack foods and essentials, and on and on and on. And now, you can get delicious Country Style coffee.

Hafiz and Shelina used to own a fast food restaurant in Bobcaygeon. One day in 1997 the couple took a drive to see what lay to the north, and they drove into Kinmount. "We saw this property and just decided to buy it," Hafiz declares.

"It was originally only 1,800 square feet but we expanded in 2007, and again this year. We sell everything but the kitchen sink. Of course in the summer we sell a lot to cottagers, but it's the locals who keep us going year round. This

year we've opened up a grocery section, a pharmaceutical section, and a section for frozen foods. People were also asking for good, consistent coffee, so we gave it to them. I tried a lot of coffee products and found that Country Style was the most consistent in quality and taste."

"For traditional medium roast coffee we grind our own beans," Hafiz says. "Our decaf and dark roast comes pre-ground directly from the supplier." The coffee is served from a counter along one wall of the store. It's set up to Country Style specs' with some slight modifications suggested by Hafiz and Shelina. There are two coffee makers, a coffee grinder, and Country Style containers to keep the coffee fresh and hot. There's also a hot



chocolate and frothy coffee machine. "Frothy coffee is a cappuccino-type coffee," Hafiz explains, "and we have French Vanilla and Mocha flavours, as well as the hot chocolate." For tea lovers there are eight delicious flavours from which to choose. In the same area as the coffee, customers can also find donuts, to complement their drinks, and youngsters can find Slushies, ideal for a hot summer day. In the warmer months, when it's busy, daughter Aliya (15),

helps out in the store. The couple also has another daughter Nameera who's 10. Hafiz proudly introduces me to his family and offers me a coffee. I like a dark roast and request that. It's strong, and if you need a quick hit of caffeine, it's ideal. Most people will probably gravitate towards the milder traditional blend which is very tasty, but Hafiz or Shelina will probably give you a half and half, if you request it.

"It's always a pleasure to work here," says Shelina. "The two ladies who work for us also enjoy working here, and we meet so many interesting

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people. We get a lot of construction people in the early morning, and a lot of our customers have become our friends. So it's great to go to the store every day."

People walk in and out of the store, and the

banter is free-flowing. It's not hard to detect the reason for the couple's success with the Shop N' Save Discount and Convenience store. Oh sure, the variety of products is nice, and the coffee is great, but when you have such a business you're basically selling yourself, a concept that Hafiz and Shelina seem to understand. Their success is strictly due to the long hours they work, their engaging personalities, and willingness to please. So, drop on by Shop N' Save for whatever it is you need. Grab yourself a cup of coffee or tea, and spend a minute or two passing the time of day with Hafiz or Shelina Makani.

You'll be leaving with a smile on your face.

The Shop N' Save Discount and Convenience Store is located at 4088 County Road 121 in downtown Kinmount, across from the Highway 45 turn-off. Summer business hours are: Monday to Saturday 7:30 am to 9:00 pm, and Sunday from 9am to 6 pm. In Winter the hours are 7:30 am to 7:00 pm during the week and Saturday, and Sunday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Tel: (705) 488-3173. □



## It's Happening in Kinmount!

by Lynne Kilby

Welcome to the world Olivia, born Sept. 15. I am now the proud grandmother of 3 beautiful granddaughters!

Congratulations to Ralph Pearson, Kinmount Citizen of the Year for 2009. Ralph received this recognition from Kinmount & District Lions Club who awards this honour to a deserving citizen each year. Throughout the years Ralph has supported his church, volunteered at Kinmount Fair and with a smile on his face, supplied the highlight to many Kinmount events by adding to the festivities with his horse & wagon rides.

To those who did not attend Kinmount Legion's Variety Show last fall, you missed out on an amazing evening of fun, but you can change that by making sure to catch this year's event Saturday, Oct. 3. The Legion has surprises that are guaranteed to make you laugh. I promise you won't be disappointed!

Have you heard about the Windows to the Past Campaign? Individuals, families, businesses and organizations have the opportunity to sponsor a window or make a donation for the Austin Sawmill Restoration Project. The names of sponsors and donors will be displayed prominently in the viewing gallery. For more information or to make a donation/sponsorship call (705) 488-2282 or send your donation to Yvette Brauer, Windows to the Past Coordinator, P.O. Box 17, Kinmount, On K0M 2A0. Cheques should be made payable to K.C.P.E.D. (Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development).

### Upcoming Events

**Sept. 26 - ATV Poker Run** sponsored by Kinmount Community Centre Board of Management. Call 750-488-9954 for details.

**Sept. 26 - Bistro Night** at Harmony Farm. Reservations required. Call 705-488-3300 - or visit [harmonyfarm.ca](http://harmonyfarm.ca).

**Sept. 27 - 150th Commemorative Service**, 11:00 a.m. at Kinmount United Church followed by lunch at Kinmount Community Centre.

**Sept. 28 - Kinmount Sparks, Brownies, Guides & Pathfinders** begin their new season. Bring materials to make a scarecrow. Call 488-2919 for registration information.

**Oct. 3 - Greater Harvey Historical Society Annual Bus Tour.**

Tickets \$65. Call Jim

Walker at 905-999-1580.

**Oct. 3 - Variety Show at Kinmount Legion**, Social Hour 6:00 p.m.

Tickets \$5.00

Please call me at (705) 488-2919 or e-mail me at [lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca](mailto:lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca) to share news or advertise an event or activity and remember to keep visiting [kinmount.ca](http://kinmount.ca).

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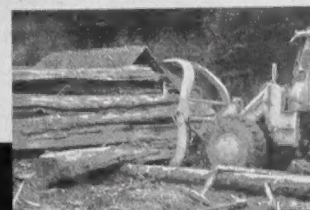
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# Gently Leaping

By Marci Mandel

I went for a walk out back and paused on a ridge overlooking a place we named 'Treasure Island'. Two grasshoppers crossed my path so I bent over to observe them. The close one stayed perfectly still while the farther one hopped and stopped, hopped and stopped. Upon taking a step closer to understand what it was busy with, a white tail deer popped up from the grass and bolted off. What a gift – to be that close to a deer, to be that free to enjoy nature, to be fully alive on a warm, sunny day. When I got back home, I checked the meaning of the animal totems online (<http://www.linsdomain.com/totems.htm>). Grasshopper was about moving on hunches and taking the leap forward. This was what it said about the spirit of a deer:

Deer teaches us to use the power of gentleness to touch the hearts and minds of wounded beings who are in our lives. Don't push towards change in others, rather gently nudge them in the right direction with the love that comes from a Deer totem. When a Deer totem shows up in your life, a new innocence and freshness is about to be awakened. There is going to be a gentle lure of new adventures.

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Filled with the beauty of motherhood, my summer provided an abundance of opportunities to experience gentle love. From the visits with my grandchildren, to the birth of the loons, to the mothering of the mothers and the songs of my classmates, my cup runneth over and I was abuzz with love's harmonies.

What a wonderful shift from the harshness I was more familiar with. Looking back, I realized I had perceived the world as a harsh place where gentle things occasionally happened. Now I truly knew the world as a gentle place where harshness sometimes occurred. This too was the way it was in nature, where the bees suckled from blossoms, the birds flitted from tree to tree, and the waters meandered through fens.

Watching my infant grandsons with their mothers was quite magical. When hair was pulled by an untamed hand or when a toy was abruptly taken, the mothers were firmly but tenderly there to coach and comfort them through the hurt. And when beds were unfamiliar and routines were broken, the mothers, and fathers too, were firmly but tenderly there to coach and comfort the young boys through the tension.

Coach and comfort, coach and comfort: there is a rhythm there that is curiously familiar. Coach and comfort, hop and stop, on and off, digital world, day and night, push and relax. Push and relax is the heart muscle's song over and over and over again. Push and relax, push blood and relax: that pattern is everywhere.

Perhaps it's not so surprising that mothers and hearts are so closely linked. They keep us alive, on so many different levels. At the heart of life, the rhythm is always there waiting patiently for us to join in. Too much push and there is exhaustion. Too much relax and there is apathy. How fortunate my grandchildren are to have parents with the patience to help them find and establish this rhythm.

Apparently this is where my opportunity lies as well: helping people become aware of the groove and then gently nudging them into it. When I teach creative writing this fall, the beats will be called complication and resolution. All stories are a series of ascending complications and resolutions about how characters face the fear in their lives.

We're drawn to stories and music because they open doors to our inner world that we're not usually aware of. That place beyond thinking that is simply knowing, knowing we are all part of one rhythm, one life. The myths and four part harmonies that gather us in so we can get past the words to the tone that brings us all together synchronize us to our true nature, to the one true nature of life itself: that gently whispering amen.

And when we fully relax, and leap into that gentle sound, what a gift! Comments: [whitetrailanding@gmail.com](mailto:whitetrailanding@gmail.com)

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# Church Events



## Fun-Raising Fundraiser

Saturday, Sept. 26 - 7 p.m.

Haliburton United Church - 10 George Street, Haliburton

A Message with Music - "Trusting in God's Faithfulness" - Featuring Special Music with Beth Kipping, Lindsay Lester, Rick Pyl, Pamela Bryant and friends. Special Speaker: Dave Bretzlaff. Refreshments. An offering will be taken, with all proceeds going to the Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre. Income Tax receipts will be given for all donations over \$20. Phone 705-457-HOPE (4673) - Website: [www.haliburtonpregnancycentre.ca](http://www.haliburtonpregnancycentre.ca)

## 7th Annual Women's Day Together

Saturday October 3

Lakeside Baptist Church

"Becoming a Twenty Cow Woman" - Moving From Worthless to Priceless - with special speaker Mary Anne K. Moran, Nutritional Educator and Author of "Before I Knew You Loved Me". All women are welcome! For more information call 705-286-4943. Websites: [www.makmoran.com](http://www.makmoran.com) and [www.womensdaytogether.ca](http://www.womensdaytogether.ca)  
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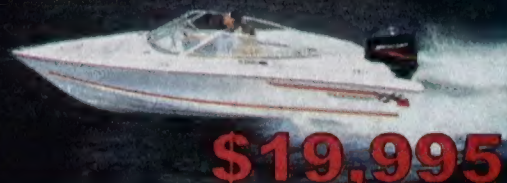
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# New Business *Introducing ...*

## Haliburton Furniture: Bringing Comfortable Living Closer to Home

By Zoe Cittern

As of this month Haliburtonians won't have to travel very far to acquire a good piece of furniture, priced for everyone's budget. The newly opened Haliburton Furniture store proudly sits on the corner of Highland Street and Maple Ave., and boasts a wide array of items, designed for a variety of tastes. Whether you're looking for a new couch, a dining room set, accessories to brighten your home, a modern bedroom collection or a new mattress, George Starr's store will certainly provide for all your needs.

George has lived in Haliburton since the 1980s so he understands the struggle that getting to a



large city can be, especially if there is no local transportation, or no car available: often people are stuck shelling out large amounts of money that doesn't fit their budget or buying pieces that won't last a few months. The store sells the Ashley product, a large scale furniture brand, sold all over North America and manufactured worldwide. George thinks he's lucky to have the exclusive dealership for the brand in Haliburton. Designed for the budget-conscious customer, the Ashley brand doesn't lack in style or modernity. And the affordable prices don't mean it lacks in quality and durability. "It's strong, sustainable and long lasting. These products are real wood, but we can still offer them at a decent price."

Another advantage to George's store is that the items are shipped to you in two to five weeks, which is a shorter shipping time than many other retailers offer, which means you can enjoy your product sooner than you expected.

George loves the furniture business and greeting the customers that come through his door every day. He says that he's "enthralled by the success of it" he adds "people now don't have to drive to large cities to get a piece of the downtown style living." Now it's right on their doorstep.

There is ease of mind buying the Ashley product too as they carry select sofas made from a microfiber, durupella, so if an accident happens the stain can be swiftly wiped away. That's certainly a handy feature for people with small children, and the furniture won't deteriorate as quickly and last longer. Haliburton Furniture also sells Simmons mattresses, famous for their firmness and quality. So if you have to share your bed with a restless sleeper, the Simmons mattress will make sure they don't interrupt your sleep any longer.

George offers free delivery within a 20 km perimeter and free set up which means you don't have to lift a finger. He can also order products you find on the website or through the catalogue. The items in the store are just a small selection of the Ashley brand: many of the sofas in the store can be ordered in an assortment of colours, or as sofa beds,

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So whether you're looking for a new sofa for your first home or a comfortable mattress to ease your aches and pains, come down to Haliburton Furniture. They are open 10-5.30pm Monday through Friday, Saturday's: 10-5pm and Sunday's: 11-4pm. Or you can call George: (705) 457-2009. [1]



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I went to the homes nearest the scene. Interviewed residents. They told me, about 1 am they heard a noise in front, looked out the window and saw the car in the ditch. A male driver was trying to get the car out, no luck. The driver got out and started walking south. He was a tall, skinny man. Walking like he was drunk and he had a little white dog with him. Some time later I was in the office, a tall, skinny man carrying a small white dog. Came to the counter, he wanted to get his car. I interviewed him for a time and he admitted driving the car into the ditch and then reporting the car stolen. He was booked and released. Another fun day was complete.



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## Red Umbrella Inn

### New Owners For Red Umbrella Inn

by George Farrell

The Red Umbrella Inn on Twelve Mile Lake recently underwent a change in ownership, following the recent trend among many of our established older lodges and inns. The new owner is Ziad Halasah.

Halasah and his wife Anne, whom he met when they were both in university, have been coming up to the Highlands since 1978, summer and winter. Anne is a business analyst. The couple has two children, George 28 and Danielle 23.



"We just fell in love with the Highlands and this is where I want to retire and be buried," Halasah reveals. Halasah is from the Hamilton/Ancaster area where, for the last 15 years, he's been an IT consultant to such heavyweights as IBM, CGI, Reyel Electric and West Burn Electric. Halasah is now also President of the Red Umbrella, though for the next while at least he'll have to spend most of the week at his consultancy business. Helping him in the Red Umbrella endeavor will be Manager Kirk Neilson. Anne Halasah is Kirk's aunt, so it's a family affair. Kirk will be responsible for the day to day running of the inn.

"Kirk is like a son to me," says Halasah. "We love hospitality, and at our own cottages we entertain a lot. We started looking at properties six or seven years ago, and we took a serious look at the Firehouse. We also put in an offer for Ogopogo, but it wasn't quite right. We've been looking for a full resort, not just cabins."

The Red Umbrella is located on 3.1 acres of land on Twelve Mile lake just minutes north of Minden on Highway 35. In the main lodge there's a dining room which seats 68, a porch area which seats 38, a lounge/bar area which can accommodate 95 people, and five rooms upstairs. Outside there are seven motel style cabins, and six water-front double occupancy cabins. "All have their own en suites," Halasah ensures, "and there are three Jacuzzi suites, one sauna suite, one house keeping suite, plus there's a live-in suite in the lodge for the superintendent. We also like the fact that the inn has some history, it was established in 1929."

The Red Umbrella is starting to show its age though, a fact that Halasah acknowledges. "It's a bit overwhelming, right now," he says. "The place needs upgrading and we're not really ready to go 100 percent just yet." Before the takeover, former owner Kim Tustin had geared the Red Umbrella to a niche, pet-friendly market, and steered away from a family-oriented establishment. "We'll still be pet-friendly," says Halasah, but were aiming more towards the family with kids. Before, it was adult only. We've got a swimming beach which will be maintained and groomed on a regular basis and a deeper swimming area off the docks. We've installed some new hi-tech Pipefusion floating

docks, which are module -expandable. We can fit up to 18 boats right now, and we have canoes, paddle boats, fishing boats, and for the winter, seven heated ice huts."

Ziad Halasah, or Zee as he likes to be called, has more plans for the Red Umbrella Inn. "We're going to put in a full bar. It'll be like a mini sports bar with plasma TV's. And we'll be building a 20 by 50 foot summer patio. The lounge area will be opened to special occasions like meetings and weddings. We'll be doing extensive reno's throughout, in phases. We're here for the long haul, so it's a long term plan; four or five year's minimum to complete the renovations. We've also purchased the 580 feet of shoreline from the Township of Minden Hills, so now the shoreline belongs to the inn. In addition to the tangible assets we've also purchased the names, domain, website and phone number. The website will

be completely revamped."

"We'll be open for 3 meals a day, and not just for the guests, but for the whole community," Manager Kirk Neilson adds. "And we'll have bar food available after dinner." Kirk calls the Highlands his home and he lives on Horseshoe Lake. In the past, he's worked for the Township of Minden Hills, and at places like Hart Lodge, and Camp Onondaga. He's traveled the world a bit, but he's always come back home. As the Manager his biggest immediate concerns are staffing, renovations and supplies. "We want to do as much with local businesses as we



can," Kirk says. "That includes meats, produce, and we'll try to staff locally. We've just started the process of staffing, and we'll be fully open by the fall. Customers can expect good Canadian cuisine, and obviously we'll be looking to the Chef for our signature dishes. We want to put in a Kawartha Dairy ice cream stand, which people can access from off the highway or from the lake, via our new docks. We want to make this the place to be."

Zee nods in agreement. "It's a three lake system with Little and Big Boshkung, and Twelve Mile lakes. That represents many cottages and quite a few people. We're still in a learning curve to find out what people want, but we've joined the lake association. We can hold meetings here."

Ziad Halasah and Kirk Neilson are certainly going about things the right way, and it'll be great come the fall, to see the beginnings of the renovations at the Red Umbrella Inn, as they work on restoring this fine establishment to its former glory.

The inn is located at 1075 Red Umbrella Rd. Minden, ON. K0M 2K0. Tel:(705) 489-2462. Fax: (705) 489-4604. Toll Free: 1-800-461-0316. Email: info@redumbrellainn.com Web: www.redumbrellainn.com.



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## Earl Cooper - Leading the Walk

The walk will begin with a piping from Earl Cooper, original pipe major and founding member of the Haliburton Legion Pipe band. Mr. Cooper, who is 82 years young, had heart bypass surgery in February of 1980 but remains very active to this day, and is a well-known face in the community!



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The 2-day event consists of a 150 km loop each day which riders must complete in a specified time. There are spectator friendly Special Test Sections to challenge the riders off-road abilities. Riders come from across Canada and the United States for this event. Also included are a non-competitive trail ride and a GPS dual sport ride.

Also, at the Community Centre, there will be a vintage bike display, a tire change contest after Saturday's ride, and other social activities.

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# A Man of Many Boats

by George Farrell

## Sailing Boats Both Therapy and Passion for Bob Groot

"Let's see now, there's the Viking 24', Halman 20', Siren 17', DS 16', Wegu 18', and the Nordica 16, which is really only 14.5 feet long. They're all sailing boats of course. I also have three canoes and a little eight' row boat. Oh yes, and I almost forgot, somebody just gave me another small sailing boat."

That's 11 boats for Bob Groot, who lives with wife Ria, just north of Kinmount. Needless to say he's an avid sailor, and he sails out of the Pigeon Lake Yacht Club in Bobcaygeon. Bob first started sailing, or more precisely boating, in the Netherlands where he grew up. It was there in those lowland, water-logged terrains that he started working on canal barges. Groot, who's now 73, remember that, "in '48 or '49, after the war, we went by barge to old fishing villages, on our vacation. The barges were also equipped with sails."

It hasn't been all easy sailing since those heady days. There have been some buoyant years for sure, but there were also years where he and Ria almost sank in the depths of despair.

The couple came to Canada in 1966, on the advice of a doctor, in order to relieve the asthmatic bronchitis condition of their son Edwin. The family settled in Port Arthur, now Thunder Bay. Bob, who previously worked as a Deputy Works Commissioner back home started working as a Chief Surveyor on potential highway routes. From Thunder Bay the family moved to Toronto where Bob secured an initial position as a designer, and an eventual partnership with Michael Hough and Associates. Bob specialized in shoreline development, drainage, and elevation systems. One of Bob's big contracts was Ontario Place, where he was instrumental in the design of the marina.

Bob moved on to set up his own successful consultancy business, and he also taught at Humber College. Humber ultimately offered him a position which he couldn't refuse, as a full time Professor of Surveying and Landscape Management. He remained at Humber until 1974. Ongoing guest lecturing at Ryerson University led to a Professorship there, where he taught Materials and Methods of Construction. But over time Bob and Ria noticed an unnatural deterioration in his mind and body.

"It got so I couldn't walk. I got muscle spasms and memory loss. It was a mystery to the many doctors I went to, and it wasn't diagnosed. Consequently the insurance company wouldn't pay up because I had no definable illness." The couple fell on tough times, and Bob had to sleep in a bed in the van, as they went from specialist to specialist. Early-onset Alzheimer's was the most common suspect. "We had no money left, and after two years all our savings were used up."

Bob Groot's problem was finally identified by Doctor Tainsh at McMaster University. Bob was suffering from the effects of pesticide

poisoning. At the time Bob and Ria were living in the Niagara fruit belt, from where Bob commuted. "There were peach farms all around us," he recalls. "We thought it was paradise, and we didn't think anything of the farmers spraying their trees, but I was getting worse and worse, and at times I was completely out of it. The doctor advised us to get out of the area, and with 10 days of moving my wife noticed a difference. I became lucid."



The insurance company had to pay up, and the couple took a well deserved extended trip to western Canada, which gave Bob a chance to recover. On their return to Ontario they were advised to live where there is no pesticide spraying, and they moved to the Kinmount area in 1996.

"I had to learn how to talk and walk properly again, and how to read," Bob states. I started reading grade three books and worked up to grade 10, and whole chunks (of my memory) came flooding back. Now I can talk again, but I cannot talk or read as well as I did, and I have Leukemia, due to my damaged immune system. I get tired very

quickly. I can only work for 20 to 30 minutes at a time." What Bob Groot works on are his sailing boats. It's one of the things that keeps him going, and at the mere mention of sailing his eyes light up, as he recalls moments from his life long passion.

"In 1956 I went to sailing camp, and then bought an old 18' sail boat, which was an old fishing boat. I worked on "tramp" steamers when I wasn't going to school. I got married in 1961. After we moved to Canada, and after we moved from Thunder Bay to Toronto I bought an Olympic class Dragon of 29 feet. We sailed all around Lake Ontario on it for many years. We sailed out of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, and then out of the Ontario Place Marina, which I designed. To be at Ontario Place on your own boat was a total delight. We later bought a 20 ton schooner with a 50' deck and lived on it; first at Harbourfront, and then at the Etobicoke Yacht Club. We participated in the Lake Ontario Tall Ships and Bi-Centennial Flotilla. It took eight people to sail the schooner, and we sailed with great pleasure for seven years, though as our three kids became older it became more difficult to live on. We tried to sell it for another seven years, and we eventually traded with people for a Classic 31'. We sailed that for a bit, but then I started to get sick, so we downsized to a Viking 24'. You know, the smaller the boat the more you get to sail. Big boats require more out-of-water maintenance. As sick as I was I still had the sailing bug and I still have the Viking."

"Every boat is a compromise of one sort or another," Bob Groot continues, "And I'm looking for the ideal boat." I bought the Halman 20' in '97 and I still have it at the Pigeon Lake Yacht Club." Bob loves to

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sail on Pigeon Lake. "It's big enough. Sailing around the lake can easily take a day or longer depending on the wind. There's a fair bit of shore line you can follow, and you can go through the Trent System if you want. We once went from beyond Parry Sound to Bobcaygeon, but we had to take down the mast 4 or 5 times for the various bridges. We needed something smaller and with a (retractable) centre board so that I could pull up on a beech and have a snooze, so I bought a Siren 17'. The cabin though is too low for me on a long sail, so then I bought a DS 16'. One day, with the sails cleated, a micro-downdraft knocked the boat right over. It righted itself alright, but the wife won't sail on that boat anymore, though it's a nice little boat, and it's ideal for inland waters."

Bob still wants to realize his ideal trip. "I want to go to Florida through the inter coastal system," he says with that sailors twinkle in his eye. "From Bobcaygeon through the Trent system to Trenton, across Lake Ontario to Oswego and on through the Finger Lakes and

Erie Canal to the Hudson River, then down the Hudson through New York Harbour, and in to the Atlantic for a bit, pick up the Inter Coastal System, and then on down to Florida. I'd like to do that with the Wegu 18'."

Bob Groot certainly has boats from which to choose for his ideal trip, and he's constantly working on them. "It helps keep my mind off my problems. I love just looking at boats, and if, heaven forbid, they ever put me in an old folks home I want a room with a window over the parking lot, and I'm going to put my Nordica 16' in the lot so I can look at it."

When I ask Bob what advice he has to give, he comes out with these words of wisdom: "Don't use pesticides."

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All proceeds from the walk will be donated to the Lions Foundation of Canada located in Oakville Ontario. This is the center where recipients are partnered with their new Guide Dog and where extensive training takes place. The Lions Foundation of Canada also runs a center in Breslau Ontario where dogs are bred for the program. Currently a campaign is being run to double the capacity of that facility. Once weaned, puppies are sent to "foster families" who raise the pups and help to socialize them. Wearing a vest saying, "Dog Guide in Training", the puppies go everywhere with their "owners". After a year, the puppies return to the Foundation where they are teamed with a client and go through extensive training/bonding for up to 26 weeks.

Guide Dogs fall into several categories: Canine Vision Canada Dog Guides for the visually impaired; Special Skills Dogs of Canada for those with physical disabilities; -Relatively new to the program are dogs which assist people who are prone to severe epileptic seizures. Hearing ear Dogs of Canada for the deaf or hard of hearing

People are encouraged to come with their dogs and participate in this second annual Purina Walk for Guide Dogs in Haliburton. All dogs must be leashed with a non-retractable leash. And, of course, we ask that you clean up any deposits you pet chooses to leave along the route.

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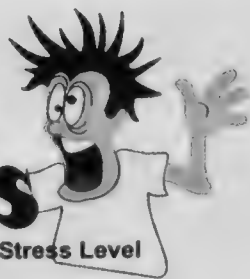
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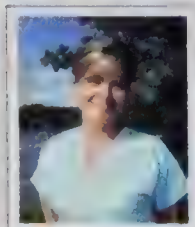
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## Tubby's Leisure Products

### Health Benefits of Hot Tubs and Saunas an Added Bonus

by George Farrell

For many Minden residents Rod Titus is the face of Home Hardware. That's not surprising, seeing as Rod's been there for 33 years now. Wanting something of his own, this summer Rod purchased the Tubby's Leisure Products business from Vern Brimsead, who'd been running it from his home in the Moore Falls area.

Initially Rod tried to run the business from his own home but by-laws made it too problematic. On a hunch he stopped by one day to talk to Norm Mills who has the auction barn at the corner of Highway 35 and County Road 21. "As a shot in the dark I asked him about the possibility of renting the space that he's been using as storage and a showroom, for his canoes and kayaks. He agreed, no hassle, which took me by surprise," Rod states. "And he's been a wonderful landlord. When I'm away on deliveries he's always here talking to people. Business was a little busier right away than I expected, but it was in peak season, so I've been working overtime."

Rod is also still working at Home Hardware, so for now "people will have to take my phone number and I'll get back to them. I'm available Sundays, Mondays and evenings, though I'm sometimes out on call," he says. With his purchase of the Tubby's Leisure Products business Rod becomes the exclusive Softub dealer for the county. It's a full service operation including sales, service, rentals, supplies and chemicals.

What's a Softub? Well, it's a hot tub with soft sides. The sides are made from multiple layers of foam, sealed together for strength and insulation. The beauty of Softubs is that they can be used anywhere, inside or out. They're very convenient to install, move and store. There are three different sizes; two, four, and six-person models, and there's lots of optional extras like cedar wood surrounds, steps, towel racks and lid lifters.

Tubby's Leisure Products is your local distributor for the SAUNACORE line of saunas and equipment. Dry and wet cedar saunas are available. Dry saunas use infra-red light as the heat source, and the wet saunas use the traditional wood-burning stoves with rocks, over which you pour hot water, to create the steam. There's a sauna model to suite your needs, including a wet sauna with an electric heat source. The barrel sauna is, as the name implies

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## Rod Titus New Owner of Tubby's Leisure Products

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a barrel-shaped, wooden sauna ideal for outdoors. Most of the other saunas available are meant for indoors, and a SAUNACORE rep' can come and see the space you have available and arrange for a custom sauna to fit your space. They can also build you an indoor or outdoor dual-heating system sauna, so that you can choose between a wet or dry sauna, as your need or mood dictates.

Infra-red SAUNACORE saunas come with radios, and CD players for your added relaxation and enjoyment. With wet saunas you can't use the electronics, though you can have speakers installed. "There are quite a few different models to choose from," Rod Titus explains. "They all come in kit form, so they're easy to assemble, and the infra-red models can be plugged into a standard wall plug. The traditional wet models need to be hard-wired."

Tubby's can rent you a hot tub for your party or for your own personal use, by the weekend or by the week. As hot tubs take between 24 to 36 hours to heat, you're probably better off getting a weekly rental. "We rent to people who might be renting a cottage, or special groups like the girls who're having their girlfriends up for the week," says Rod. "We'll come and set it up for you on a nice firm surface, and away you go. We also do repairs, replace tops and have parts available for other makes and models. Both Softub and SAUNACORE are Ontario-owned companies, and supplies are easy to obtain. The nice thing is that I can go and see them when I need to."

Scandinavians have known of the health benefits of saunas and hot tubs for centuries. SAUNACORE claims that saunas can decrease stress and fatigue, boost immune and cardiovascular systems, give relief from muscle and joint



pains, burn up to 600 calories in a 25 minute session, beautify the skin and help to reduce cellulite, and promote the detoxification of heavy metals and toxins.

"Hot tubs are therapeutic," says Rod Titus. "They're good stress-relievers, and you sleep like a baby after. The winter sports crowd loves them. Athletes and seniors love them too because the hot tubs help them with their aches and pains."

To find out more about the Softub and SAUNACORE lines at Tubby's Leisure Products, tel: (705) 286-3100 email: [tubbys@bellnet.ca](mailto:tubbys@bellnet.ca) web: [www.tubbysleisureproducts.com](http://www.tubbysleisureproducts.com) Tubby's is located at 1009 County Road 21 (corner of Highway 35), Minden.

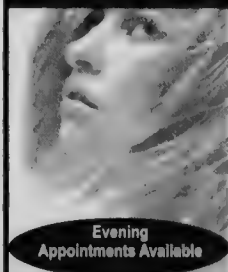


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# Teaching Children Money Management Skills with Susan Lee

Has your child ever thrown a temper tantrum at the check out register when you said no to a candy bar? If so, you are not alone. Most parents have experienced these frustrating moments when they are tempted to indulge their children to keep them happy.

Today's youth have large sums of money floating through their hands as extra income to spend. A recent US study as placed this amount at \$50.00 per week available to spend on snacks, cloths, comic books, movie tickets, video games as a few examples. It is estimated that by the age of twenty a child will have seen 360 thousand 30 second commercials. With so many influences on children's perceptions about acquiring material goods, children need to learn sound money-management skills.

**Talk to your children.** Talk about how you earn money and how you plan to spend it. When you take your child to the grocery store, explain your purchasing decisions – "We are buying strawberries because they are on sale" or "We're using coupons I clipped from the newspaper." When grocery shopping involve the children in preparing the grocery list, and then take them to the store with you. Teach them how to compare prices by making a game out of finding the best deals. Stick to your original list as this will demonstrate one way to limit impulse shopping.

**Be a good role model.** Your children will develop their financial attitudes and behaviors by what they see you do, what they hear you say. Actively encourage good values. Teach you children the value of work and teach them responsibility. Teach them delayed gratification by letting them save towards a goal of a new bike or video game; let them know that even you have things that you want and cannot have.

**Learn to say no to your child and be firm.**

**Have them manage money now.** Give your child an allowance, whether or not it is tied to chores, and give him or her some general guidelines on how to spend and save it. The emphasis is on general because your child should have enough freedom to make his or her own decisions and make mistakes. Encourage young children to bring their allowance with them when you go grocery shopping, then they can decide if they want that candy bar enough to spend their own allowance on it. If you do not want to give your child an allowance, allow him or her to manage money by letting him or her pay the grocer or the parking attendant.

**Teach them to give.** Help your child experience the good feelings of sharing his or her income with others. Encourage your child to regularly contribute a portion of his or her income to a charity or help your child buy treats for the family. "Adopt" a family through your church during the holidays or give your child the responsibility of buying or making birthday gifts for friends. Also, teach your child to contribute in other ways than giving money by giving time, energy, and skills to help someone else.

A money management tool that I like for children is money jars as a way to help children divide their allowance, gifts and earnings up. Charity (10%), quick cash (30%), medium-term goals (30%) and long term goals (30%). The kids can decorate them to match their different goals like a picture of that mountain bike they want on the long term goal jar.

Experts say that if you want your kids to grow up to be financially responsible adults, you have to let them handle money often and from an early age. They need to practice spending, banking, saving and giving. They need to learn what it feels like to "blow their wad" on something frivolous and not have money available for something they really want or need.

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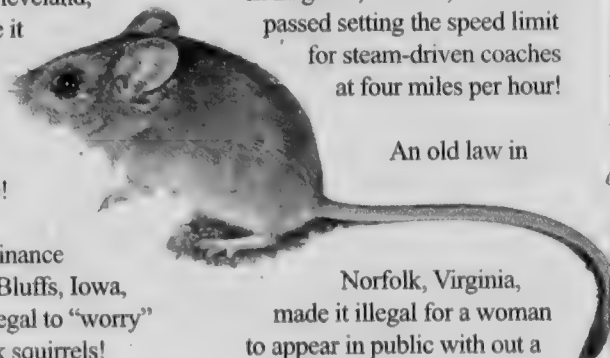


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A 1975 ordinance in Council Bluffs, Iowa, made it illegal to "worry" black squirrels!

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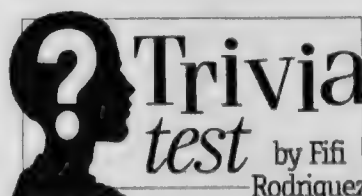
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## Word

## Shaggy-dog story

\sha-ge-'dog-'stor-e/n : a long-drawn-out circumstantial story concerning and inconsequential happening; also : a joke whose humor lies in the irrelevance of the punch line.



1. HISTORY: In what modern-day country did the ancient Etruscan civilization once thrive?

2. GAMES: How thick is a standard hockey puck?

3. MUSIC: Who is the lead guitarist and singer for the rock band

Weezer?

4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Where was President Lyndon Johnson sworn into office?

5. MOVIES: What was the name Roy Hobbs gave his baseball bat in "The Natural"?

6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animals would a cryptozoologist study?

7. MYTHOLOGY: Who was the Egyptian goddess of love, music and beauty?

8. U.S. STATES: What is the state capital of New Hampshire?

9. TELEVISION: What is the last thing each failed designer-contestant hears before leaving "Project Runway"?

10. LITERATURE: Which one of Shakespeare's characters speaks the line, "The evil that men do lives after them/The good is oft interred with their bones/So let it be with Caesar"?

Answers  
1. Italy  
2. 1 inch  
3. Rivers Cuomo  
4. Aboard Air Force One following the assassination of President John Kennedy.  
5. "Wonderboy"  
6. Legendary animals like the Loch Ness monster or Big Foot  
7. Hathor  
8. Concord  
9. "Auf Wiedersehen" (German)  
10. Mark Antony  
For "Goodbye")





## Lange on the Law

*Donald Lange*

by **Donald J. Lange**  
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### A View from Your Property

An owner of land has the right to an unfettered use and enjoyment of his or her land and is protected by several real property (land) laws. One example is the law of nuisance which has evolved on a case by case basis (the common law) for over a century. The rule often applies to damage caused to land and other property by the escape of something from a neighbour's lands. Common situations are odours, smoke, fumes, and herbicides escaping from adjoining lands in such a way that they affect the use and enjoyment of neighbouring lands. Noise may also constitute a nuisance.

What about the view from your property in the pristine landscape of Haliburton? You live on rural property and have a pleasant view of a stream meandering through your neighbour's property. Your neighbour constructs a two car garage and shop blocking your view of the stream. What can you do? The law in Ontario is clear that a loss of enjoyment of a view does not constitute a nuisance by the neighbour. One leading author on the topic described in this way: "By way of contrast, although a plaintiff has been held to be entitled to clean air, free of odours, smoke, gases, and peace and quiet, he is not entitled, at least so far as the law of nuisance is concerned, to enjoy a pleasant or attractive view. If the defendant's conduct produces an eyesore that is visible to the plaintiff, the latter cannot claim the protection of the law of nuisance. A defendant, it seems, can make his property as ugly as he chooses, and he will remain immune from liability under the common law." But, perhaps, a township bylaw may apply.

It is not uncommon to buy rural property in southern Ontario and years later the province builds a highway through the farm fields you are looking at. The government has been sued for such an intrusion on a person's aesthetic view. The case went all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada but without success. Here is what the court said: "I agree with the Court of Appeal that what the appellants complain of here is the loss of prospect or the loss of view. There are as well the elements of loss of privacy, but in essence the complaint is that once they dwelt in a rural setting with a pleasing prospect and now they are confronted on one side of their land at least with a modern highway. It is a claim for loss of amenities. That the use of the highway will constitute a disruptive element is probably true but that is a field of damage which may not be considered."

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# From Wholesaler to Retailer: a New Venture for Peter Pergolas

By Zoe Cittern

Peter Pergolas, the owner of Highland Forest Products, a lumber manufacturer situated just outside of Wilberforce, prides himself on "doing what I say I'm going to do." He believes this is key when selling products of any kind to customers, which is probably why his company has been such a success. Yet Pergolas has recently decided to add another side to his growing business.

Highland Forest Products has been a wholesaler for 30 years and since this summer the company has expanded to cover a retail service. After selling wood as a wholesaler for years he saw a gap in the market and decided to jump at the chance to expand his business. "I kept getting asked if I could sell to my wholesalers personally, they either wanted a new deck or a new floor, so I'd price it out for them and most of them were surprised by how good the prices were." Since then the orders grew through word of mouth, and although the retail business has only just started he says he has already garnered "a good response, people have been very pleased with the products."

The company is able to offer retail products at discounted wholesale prices which has made the new venture a success. Due to the affordability of the products, people go out of their way to buy from Pergolas' company: the website "estimates that our pricing will save anywhere from ten to fifty percent to comparable products in regular retail stores". It isn't just the competitive prices that are luring people to the company. The lumber Pergolas sells comes from a 75 mile radius around Wilberforce, which means you can enjoy your

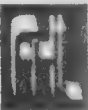
new hardwood floor knowing that it came from a forest close to you. It also means that for the most part you're supporting local loggers as well.

The company specialises in cedar, pine and hardwoods which are used for a number of different products such as decks, siding, hardwood floors, fencing, landscaping and interior panelling. Pergolas says that his business is "a combination of good prices, good products and good service." The company also offers free delivery within a 24 km perimeter and he'll stick to his word too, "if the delivery time is Friday, it's Friday, not next Monday" and believes that staying with the commitment made between customer and company is a key objective to owning business at Ryerson skills are important ways enjoyed work-customers a good, Pergolas hopes to

a business. Pergolas took and his customer service to his business: he has aling with wood, and selling quality product. expand his retail business, by renovating a warehouse at the back of his office to showcase his array of wood products to display to interested customers. The company doesn't just to cater to the immediate area; it sells all over central and southern Ontario too.

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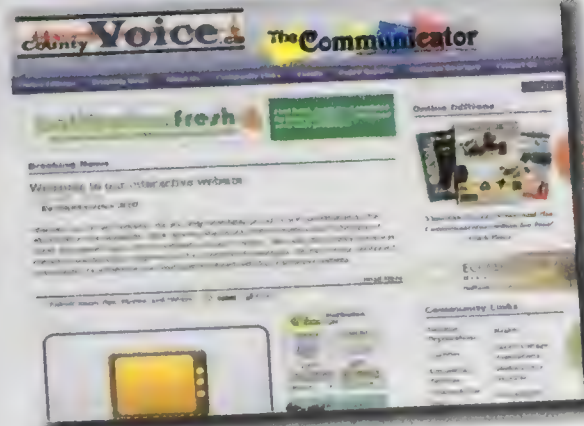


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## Minden Curling Club Hosts Open House on October 8th: Play Begins October 19th

Another sure sign of summer's passing was registration at the Minden Curling Club on September 16th. Committee members were on hand to welcome new curlers and reconnect with the veterans. League curling begins on October 19th, but open house is on October 8th, and several clinics are available before regular play starts. Anyone interested in becoming involved can contact Steve Robson at 286-4724.

## Haliburton Figure Skating Club - Registration and Open House

**When:** September 29th and October 1st

**Where:** Dysart Arena - Time: 5:30 until 7:30

The Haliburton Figure Skating Club would like to welcome back Lisa Carr/Allore as the new coach for the 2009-2010 skating season.

Lisa is a NCCP Level 3 coach who specializes in all skating disciplines and excels in choreography.

Skate exchange will be offered. Slighted-used dresses, club suits, tights etc., will also be offered.

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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# New Business

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## Building Twelve Cottages on South Lake, Near Minden

# Ballantry Homes by George Farrell

The Silver Birches is no longer. The venerable old lodge and cabins on South Lake, near Minden, which were way past restorative feasibility, are coming down and being replaced by big modern cottages.

Ballantry Homes out of Markham Ontario are the builders of note, and the project is flying the banner of South Lake Resort Cottages. They're cottages that could easily be termed stately homes, as the six different models range from 1,745 to 2,845 square feet, and are priced accordingly from \$529,000 to \$634,990.

In a 2007 J.D. Power and Associates New Home Builder Customer Satisfaction Study, Ballantry Homes was declared one of the top three Homebuilders in Customer Satisfaction in the Greater Toronto Area. So, to say that when the "cottages" are finished that section of South Lake will look a whole lot better would be an understatement.

Ballantry President David Hill said, "I've met with members of the Lake Association and they've been very supportive. They look upon our project as an improvement for the area." It's not hard to see why the association members are enthusiastic.

"We purchased the property on South Lake on Hamilton Road about a year ago," Hill reveals. "A friend of mine who is another home builder used to come up to the Silver Birches with his family, and rent one of the cabins. He found out that owner Joe Phillips was selling, and knowing that I was looking for such a property, he mentioned it to me. It proved to be ideal. It's 13 acres of partially wooded lots, and our first phase will include 12 two storey, three and four bedroom cottages,

and a bungalow, all facing the lake. They'll have private docks and screened-in porches, and will share state-of-the-art communal septic and well systems. We've already sold eight, so there's only four left." The cottages will be heated by Energy Star Qualified forced air propane gas high efficiency furnaces, with electronic ignition which are vented to the exterior.



The exteriors of the buildings will be covered with James Hardie 'Hardiplank' Colour Plus Collection siding, with a 15 year finish warranty, and 50 year limited transferable product warranty, with a stone base as per elevation. "It's one of the very best sidings," Hill confirms. "It'll never rot, or burn, its bug-free and easy to keep clean. There are new colour packages from which to choose regarding shingle, stone base and siding, so people can mix and match, and we'll make changes to suite our customers."

Hill, who has cottaged on Lake Simcoe "forever," is very keen on the Haliburton Highlands. "The area is just so beautiful," he says. "South Lake is a small, very quiet lake, and the people who I've talked to say that the fishing is wonderful. We're working to incorporate the existing trees on site, and we're very proud of this project. It'll turn out great. My friend who told me about it in the first place is buying one of the cottages, and for the most part those who have already bought have young families, and are from the GTA. We hope it's going to develop into a real community. We've got a communal recreational area where people can have picnics and barbeques, and engage in other activities." It'll also be a good area for kids to play.

As things now stand most of the old Silver Birches cottages are mere mounds of rubble, as crews work steadily on demolition and landscaping. "We'll begin construction this fall and we're looking to have the cottages up by next summer," Ballantry President David Hill states confidently.

To find out more about Ballantry Homes and South Lake Resort Cottages call (905) 887-7100, David Hill direct line: (905)-887-7235, cell: (416) 816-1981, fax: (905) 887-7101, email: [dhill@ballantry-homes.com](mailto:dhill@ballantry-homes.com) and web: [www.ballantryhomes.com](http://www.ballantryhomes.com). □

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16. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
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18. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.

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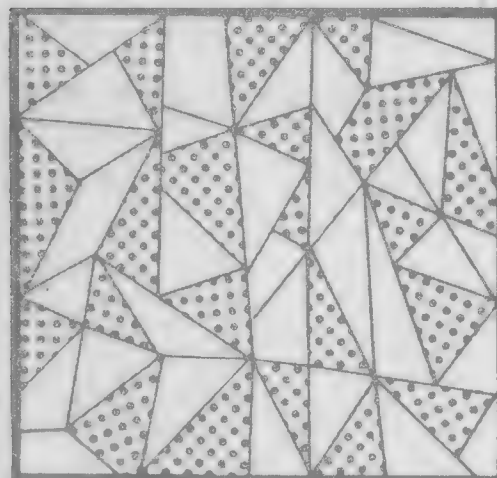
SIRCH Community Services is looking for caring and compassionate people to volunteer as Hospice volunteers. Hospice provides support to people and families who are living with a serious illness as well as those caring for a person who has Alzheimer's Disease or a related dementia. We also support people who are experiencing grief and bereavement.

As a volunteer, you'll give emotional support and practical assistance to families or individuals you're matched with. All it takes is a few hours a week, but you'll make a huge difference in someone's life. SIRCH will provide you with training so you'll feel comfortable and competent in your role as a Hospice volunteer. The course topics include: What to say and not to say; How to support someone even if you don't have the same lifestyle or values; Understanding the grieving process; How to help the whole family cope with a serious illness.

The next training session begins this fall. Call to make a difference. Become a Hospice volunteer. To register, or for more information, contact: Lynn Higgs Thompson - 457-1742 x 36 or Linda May Powers - 457-1742x 22

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by Mark Evans



Now that the kids are back in school and the leaves are changing colour its time to plan for the long cold winter. I don't want it any more than anyone else but ignoring it won't make it go away. Planning may make it easier to endure.

If you have a furnace or fireplace in your home, regardless of type of fuel (wood, oil, propane or natural gas), you should inspect your chimney to determine the amount of soot build up and have it cleaned if necessary. The chimney sweep uses a special brush and is portrayed as a snappy dresser wearing top hat and tails, I wear old jeans and use a long heavy chain to scrape the inside of the chimney clean. I don't recommend others use this method but somehow you have to reduce the possibility of a chimney fire. It's best to complete this chore before the cold really sets in and the furnace is in full use.

Now is a good time to ensure your fuel supply is ready to go. Many suppliers keep their customers on a regular fill up schedule but remember what happens when we assume. Having the tank topped up early will beat the first snow rush that happens every year, much like the first heat wave causes an air conditioner rush in the summer. Well, not this summer but you know what I mean.

The supply truck will need plenty of room to deliver the fuel so make the area clear keeping in mind that the snow plow might create a barrier later in the season. You don't want to find out there's a problem when the tank is empty and the delivery truck is blocked by a wall of frozen white stuff.

Changing the filters, vacuuming out the heat registers and cleaning out the air

## Plan for Winter

inlets of the furnace are easy ways to increase the amount and quality of heat your furnace will pump out. It will also reduce your energy costs. If your home is older or you've done some dirty, dusty renovations recently, you might want to have your ducts professionally cleaned. This is recommended for people with respiratory ailments because air borne particles can aggravate the condition.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odourless gas that is produced as a result of incomplete combustion. It is an accumulative poison which is deadly but avoidable. Homeowners can take the first step in protecting themselves by purchasing a good quality carbon monoxide detector. It will cost more for a good one but you get what you pay for. Of course the detector will not solve the problem if there is one but you will be alerted to the condition and you must make arrangements to have it corrected as soon as possible. This is a situation where it can truly be said that if you snooze, you lose.

Heating with wood has always been my personal favourite. A wood burning furnace and a woodstove are nice but there's something about sitting next to a roaring fire that warms the heart as well as the body. Having someone to share it with makes it even better. The fact that it's the least efficient method of heating and that logging is one of the most dangerous occupations is lost with the crackling warmth and sweet smell of an open hearth.

I believe it's a sign of great love for ones family to have a well stocked wood pile and a full tank of fuel ready to go before the cold winds begin to blow. Considering that this July was the coldest on record since 1917, it would suit me just fine if those cold winds didn't come until late February and left early March. But this is Canada, eh.



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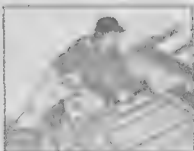
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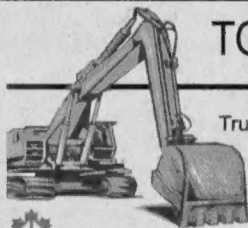
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DATE: Sat, November 14, 9:00am - 12:00pm  
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## E-mail Workshop

DATE: Saturday, November 7, 9:00am - 12:00pm  
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## Introduction to Computers - Part One

DATE: Saturday, October 17, 9:00am - 12:00pm  
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DATE: Saturday, October 24, 9:00am - 12:00pm  
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DATE: Saturday, October 31, 9:00am - 12:00pm  
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DATE: Thursday, October 15, 6:30pm - 9:30pm  
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DATE: Thursday, October 22, 6:30pm - 9:30pm  
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# Strange But True

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A 22-year-old man who was trying to board a flight in Cairo, Egypt, bound for Saudi Arabia was recently stopped by security officers when the X-ray of his hand luggage showed some strange results. It seems that the man was attempting to transport 250 baby crocodiles and -- wait for it -- a live cobra. (Animal lovers will be pleased to learn that the creatures were not harmed; they were turned over to the Cairo Zoo.)

In Thailand, it is illegal to step on any of that nation's currency.

Are you a cacographer? You may not be, but if you spend any time at all online you've certainly run across a few. A cacographer is someone who can't quite grasp the rules of spelling.

Researchers in Greece who recently completed a study on napping found that men who nap at least three times a week were at a 37 percent lower risk for heart-related death. So now you have an excuse to do what you want to do anyway.

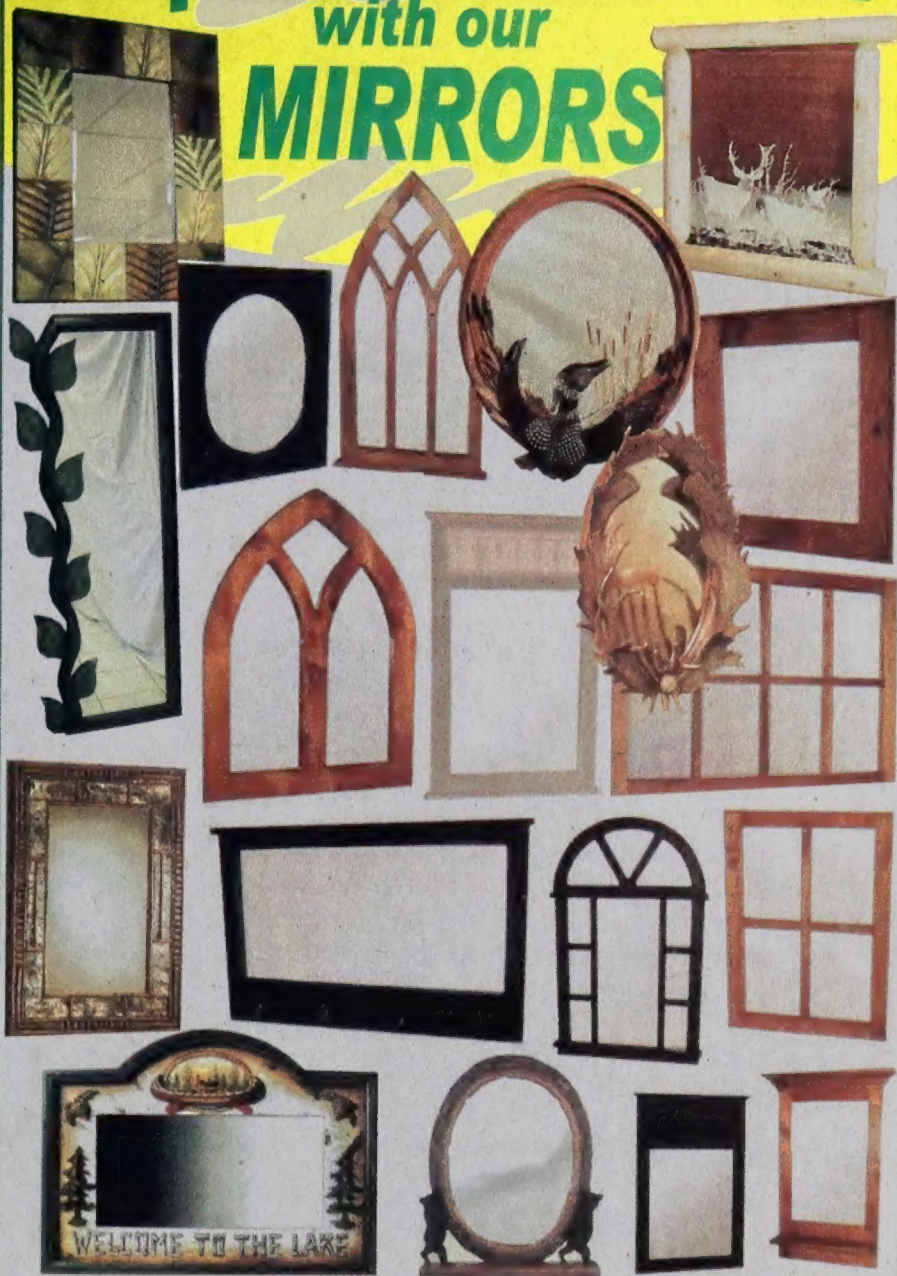
If you've ever had to navigate the transportation systems throughout Walt Disney World in Florida, you might not be surprised to learn that the theme park complex covers 47 square miles. To put the figure in perspective, that's twice the size of Manhattan Island.

It's possible for a nectarine tree to grow from a peach pit, and vice versa.

A man named Robert Boyd entered a lingerie shop and attempted to hold up the store using a Japanese sword. A fan of video games, Boyd claimed in his defense that at the time of the holdup, he believed he was an elf.

**Thought for the Day:** "Only the madman is absolutely sure." -- Robert Anton Wilson ■

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